

## Quote of the Day

In peace, children inter their parents; war violates the order of nature and causes parents to inter their children.

Herodotus (484 BC - 430 BC)

## Constitution

The appointment, transfer, promotion, punishment, and proposals to retire judges are within the authority of the Supreme Court in accordance with the law.

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### MPs Pan Government Over Lack of Defense Minister

KABUL - Lawmakers in Parliament on Saturday once again clamored in demand for a Defense Minister nomination, urging the National Unity Government leaders to set aside their disagreements and prioritize national security.

With over half a year passed since the formation of the NUG and still no Minister of Defense, security conditions around the country, including traditionally more stable regions in the north, have deteriorated markedly.

"In addition to the fact that we don't have a clear strategy, we also don't have a Minister of Defense," Lower House Chair Abdul Rauf Ibrahimy ...*(More on P4)...*(1)

## Salahuddin Rabbani NATO to Continue Supporting ANSDF

KABUL - Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani on Saturday said training and supporting Afghan National Security and Defense Forces (ANSDF) was his government top demand in the recently held NATO's foreign ministers meeting, which was accepted.

A two-day NATO foreign ministers meeting was held in the Turkish city of Antalya where it was decided the alliance would have a civil-military presence in Afghanistan beyond its current Resolute Support (RS) mission in 2016.

The mission for the first time would be civilian-led, but would also have a military contingent. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said a group of civil-military experts were tasked to draw out details of



the mission. Rabbani told journalists here that NATO's current mission was evaluated in the meeting and the mission was called a success. ...*(More on P4)...*(2)

### Foreign Affairs Ministry to Tackle UAE Trade Issues



KABUL - Obstacles facing Afghan businessmen based in the United Arab Emirates are expected to be removed, according to the Afghan Minister of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), which has reported ongoing dialogue between UAE diplomats and Afghan officials. Adding their weight to the pile, the Afghan Chamber of Commerce and Industries has urged the government to step in and ensure proper resolution to the disputes between Afghan businessmen and the UAE government. Saturday was the deadline for 600 small and medium-sized Afghan business owners to exit the ...*(More on P4)...*(3)

### MoI Insists No District in Threat of Falling to Taliban

KABUL - The Ministry of Interior (MoI) on Saturday said at least 327 insurgents have been killed during several security operations across the country, urging media to refrain from publishing reports that would benefit anti-state elements only.



MoI spokesman Seddiq Seddiq told journalists in Kabul, security forces successfully launched more than 120 joint

operations in Kunduz, Baghlan, Faryab, Badakhshan, Helmand, Zabul and Ghazni provinces. At least 327 insurgents have been killed, ...*(More on P4)...*(4)

### Kabul Hotel Attackers Believed to Have Been Guests

KABUL - Three days after the deadly park palace hotel attack in Kabul, officials are still trying to determine the number of attackers who gunned down 14 people, including 10 foreigners.

Sources close to the investigation told TOLONews that two days prior to the attack at least one attacker checked in to the hotel.

However, the director of criminal investigation at the Kabul Police HQ would not give out details but said the case has been handed over to the National Directorate of security for further investigation.

Following the deaths of an Afghan woman and four Afghan men, one of whom had dual British citizenship, along ...*(More on P4)...*(6)

### Iran May Consider to Assist Afghanistan to Fight ISIS Terror Group

KABUL - The government of Iran may consider to assist the Afghan government in fight against ISIS terrorist group if Tehran receives a request from Kabul.

In an interview with the Afghanistan 1TV Channel, the Iranian ambassador to Afghanistan, Mohammad Reza Bahrami, said Iran is assisting the Iraqi government to fight ISIS group after receiving a request from Baghdad.

Bahrami said the terrorist group is a potential serious threat to Afghanistan and its neighboring countries.

He said the group could grow more strong in coming months and years to have a considerable strong presence in Afghanistan and even in the region.

The remarks by the Indian envoy comes as the Afghan national security advisor Hanif Atmar said earlier this month that the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group is looking to have access to drugs market by starting operations in Afghanistan.

Atmar also warned that the terror group wants to expand its operations not only in Afghanistan but the whole region and wants infiltrate in Central Asian countries. ...*(More on P4)...*(7)

### Deputy CEO Underlines Electoral Reforms

KABUL - Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on Saturday stressed immediate reforms in poll panels, saying it was one of the major agreements based on which the unity government was formed.

First deputy CEO Eng. Mohammad Khan was of the opinion with electoral reforms people's confidence and trust would be restored on the election commissions, a statement from his office said.



Mohammad Khan said it has been seven months since formation of the unity government but tangible reforms yet to be introduced. He added parliamentary elections were also getting nearer. Deputy CEO also urged government leaders ...*(More on P4)...*(5)

### President Wants Early Completion of Energy Projects

KABUL - President Ashraf Ghani on Saturday said the Ministry of Energy and Water should implement its 100-day plan in line with the country's growing energy need.

The president expressed these views during a meeting in which the 100-day plan of Energy and Water Ministry was discussed. He directed the officials to prioritize the prevailing situation of the country and move forward with implementation of their projects. ...*(More on P4)...*(8)



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